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SUBJ: LANDING/PARKING/NAVIGATION FEES AND MAAG SUPPORT COSTS

REF: ADDIS 14609 (DTG 180901Z DEC 75)

1. AS MENTIONED REFTTEL, OFFICIALS OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAVE REQUESTED INFO ABOUT MAAG SUPPORT COSTS. ACCORDING TO EMB AND MAAG FILES, CURRENT TOTAL ARREARAGES ARE APPROX ETH\$13.150 MILLION. FOLLOWING TABLE INDICATES STATUS OF MAAG SUPPORT COST ARREARAGES BASED ON OUR RECORDS:

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FISCAL YEAR	AMOUNT DUE	PAYMENTS	IN ARREARS
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1962	ETH\$1,500,000	ETH 1,500,000	ETH\$ 0
1963	1,500,000	1,500,000	0
1964	1,500,000	1,500,000	0
1965	1,500,000	1,500,000	0
1966	1,500,000	1,500,000	0
1967	1,500,000	750,000	750,000

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1968	1,500,000	0	2,250,000
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1969	1,500,000	0	3,750,000
1970	1,500,000	0	5,250,000
1971	1,500,000	100,000	6,650,000
1972	1,500,000	0	8,150,000
1973	1,500,000	1,000,000	8,650,000
1974	1,500,000	0	10,150,000
1975	1,500,000	0	11,650,000
1976	1,500,000	0	13,150,000

EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE VERIFICATION FROM CINCEUR OR WASHINGTON OF TOTAL EPMG ARREARAGES BEFORE SUBMITTING FIGURES TO MOFA.

2. EMBASSY ALSO REQUIRES INFO CONCERNING UNPAID BILLS FOR LANDING, PARKING AND NAVIGATION FEES OWED TO EPMG. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT THESE FEES HAVE NOT BEEN PAID FOR SEVERAL YEARS BECAUSE THE ETHIOPIAN GOVT HAD DISCONTINUED PAYING MAAG SUPPORT COSTS. EMB UNDERSTANDS FROM MAAG PERSONNEL THAT CHIEF OF STAFF, AIR FORCE, CAN OBTAIN FROM MAC AND USAFE ACCOUNTING RECORDS THE ANNUAL UNPAID OBLIGATIONS FOR PARKING, LANDING AND NAVIGATION FEES IN ETHIOPIA. IN ORDER TO FACILITATE DISCUSSIONS WITH ETHIOPIN GOVT REGARDING WHICH OF THESE FEES ARE LEGITIMATE CHARGES (I.E., FOR THOSE FLIGHTS NOT INVOLVING THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OR MAAG SUPPORT IN ETHIOPIA), IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF CHARGES FOR LANDINGS AT THE TWO ETHIOPIAN AIRPORTS, NAMELY BOLE (OR PREVIOUSLY REFERRED TO AS HAILE SELASSIE I INTERNATIONAL) AT ADDIS ABABA AND YOHANNES IV AT ASMARA, BE PRESENTED SEPARATELY. IT WOULD ALSO FACILITATE MATTERS IF THESE BILLS COULD BE SUBMITTED IN ETHIOPIAN DOLLARS RATHER THAN US DOLLARS AS DURING THE PERIOD IN QUESTION TWO REVALUATIONS OF THE ETHIOPIAN DOLLAR HAVE OCCURRED. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, PLEASE SPECIFY THE RATES OF EXCHANGE USED TO CONVERT THE ORIGINAL BILLS FROM ETHIOPIAN TO US DOLLARS. THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE THIS DATA BY 1 FEB 1976.

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